

## DECLARATION & POWER OF ATTORNEY

Martin Hoffmann, a citizen of the United States, residing at 20 Hawley Road Shelton, Conn 06484, and William Telesco, a citizen of the United States, residing at 148 Babbling Brook Torrington, Conn. 06790, hereby declare that:

We are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled FULL MESH OPTICAL INTERCONNECT described and claimed in the above application for United States Letters Patent.

We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56(a).


We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code Sec. 119 of foreign applications for patent or inventors' certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventors' certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

NONE


We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that the statements were made with the knowledge that willful false

statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

We hereby appoint Patrick J. Walsh, Esq. Reg. No. 22,809 a member of the bar of the State of Connecticut to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent & Trademark Office connected therewith and to receive all communications at Patrick J. Walsh, Esq., 400 Main Street, Stamford, Conn., 06901.

  
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For: FULL MESH OPTICAL INTERCONNECT

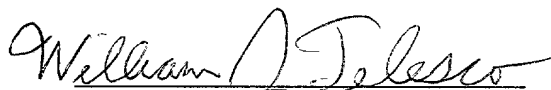
VERIFIED DECLARATION OF STATUS AS SMALL ENTITY

The undersigned declare under oath that:

1. The above-identified application executed concurrently herewith has not been assigned and that we are under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not likewise be classified as an independent inventor if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern or a non-profit organization under 37 CFR Section 1.9.

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